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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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MT. BLUE STANDARD WATER DISTRICT
Proposed Terms and Conditions and Request
For Exemption From Chapter 86 § 7.B.

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF ORDER

The Commission allows the Mt. Blue Standard Water District (District) initial Terms and Conditions to become effective and grants the requested exemption from Chapter 86 § 7.B. to permit a collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

BACKGROUND

The District purchased the assets of the Phillips Water Company (Company) on December 2, 1998. Prior to the purchase, the District filed, on November 18, 1998, its initial Schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Original pages 1 through 6, along with a request for an exemption from § 7.B. of Chapter 86 of the Commission's Rules. The initial Schedule of Terms and Conditions became effective on December 2, 1998.

Title 35-A M.R.S.A. § 304 allows a utility's first Rate Schedule, including Terms and Conditions, to take effect without review and approval; however, either the utility's customers by petition or the Commission on its own motion may initiate an investigation into the reasonableness of those rates under the provisions of 35-A M.R.S.A. §§ 1302 and 1303, respectively.

The District requested the exemption from § 7.B. of Chapter 86 to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers as well as residential customers. We agree that the collection trip fee for residential and non-residential customers should be the same and will grant the requested exemption.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That the Mt. Blue Standard Water District schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Original Pages 1 through 6, filed on November 18, 1998, became effective on December 2, 1998, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 304.

2. That the Mt. Blue Standard Water District is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86 § 7.B. so that it may charge non-residential customers a \$10 collection trip fee.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 8th day of December 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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